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AMENDMENT TO CORRECT CLAIM NUMBERING

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the telephone conference with the Examiner on October 25, 1995, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment to Correct Claim Numbering in the instant application.

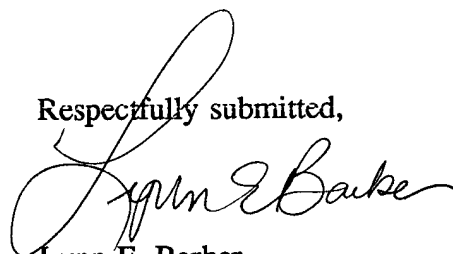
Applicant erroneously began the numbering of the claims when this divisional application was filed with claim number 67. Because there were only 31 claims in the original apparent, these claims should instead have been numbered 32-35 (rather than 67-70). Applicant hereby amends the preliminary claims to substitute the number 32 for the number

67, the number 33 for the number 68, the number 34 for the number 69, and the number 35 for the number 70 in the claims filed on June 7, 1995 in the preliminary amendment. Only claims 1-31 should be cancelled, since there were no further pending claims in the original application. Please add claim 36, as follows which replaces claim 49 in the most immediate parent application herein:

*Rule 126 sub E5*  
*CN*  
~~49~~ 36. A method for reducing the number of bacteria and food item for animals so that the number of bacteria in the food item treated by said method is at least  $10^3$ -fold lower at about 3-6 days after treatment than in an untreated control food item, said method comprising applying about 200  $\mu\text{g}$  of  $\beta$ -hydroxypropionaldehyde per gram of food item to said food item, said method reducing the number of bacteria more than does treatment with 250 mM glycerol or glyceraldehyde.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions or further changes which need to be made to place this application in proper form. It is submitted that no fee is due for filing of this correction. Any fee which is due should be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0490 of the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,



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